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Dear Josh:

I received the reprints and your letter today as I've not been here at the Institute for some time. No not vacationing but trying to get our new apartment set up.

Thus far this summer has been a rat race. Apartment hunting was our first chore. ~~A~~desired convenience to the Institute and so we looked in Manhattan at first. To be sure there are apartments available but after paying the rent there would be nothing left. Apartments are \$45 and up per room. Resigning myself to commuting we looked in L.I. and after much search found a place in a new garden development, not far from Jamaica.

Furniture was next on the agenda. In New York nobody buys retail and a dozen or so wholesale places were recommended to us. This kind of shopping takes a lot of time, effort and haggling but in the long run we were able to buy three more pieces than our budget originally allowed for. Our sofa-bed arrived and so we moved in and are awaiting the rest of the furniture and relaxing a bit while I gather courage to go hunting for a used car which will be the only convenient means of transportation.

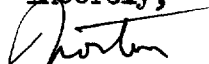
My lab is slowly getting set up with most of the equipment due this month. It is real quiet here as it seems everybody has gone to Europe for the summer. This was especially noticeable at CSH. Nobody is there at all.

My preoccupation with all of these matters has caused a catharsis such that I can scarcely think of experimental matters. This might prove useful if I ever recover.

Stocker's microcolonies are reminiscent of what I'd been calling early buds and at the time we discussed the segregational possibility or are these still smaller. To what other species are you referring in the allelism tests, typhimuriums or others? Which phages have been involved as I should like to have record of all of the phages with transducing ability. Has anything further been done with SW-543 with regard to its spontaneous potentialities?

Your handling of the mss etc is most satisfactory. I'm just sorry that you had to be bothered with it. By all means discard the second class junk.

It may be hot in Madison but it is and has been unbearable here. Marilyn and I send our best to you and Esther and all the lab.

Sincerely,  
  
Norton Zinder